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Her grace of motion, and of look, the smooth
And swimming majesty of step and tread,
The symmetry of form and feature, set
The soul afloat, even like delicious airs
Of flute and harp. —Milman.

MOTHERS' DAY

Tomorrow is Mothers' Day—what does it mean to you? What does it signify? What glorious memories of happy days does it revive?

Does it not strike you that the name "mother" is but a synonym for "saint," when you hark back to the days of anxious care and unceasing devotion of your mother?

Observance of Mothers' Day is not a sentimental whim. It appeals to all men with a deep significance. In the rush and whirl of everyday life, we are very liable to underweigh the influence of that mother love during the earlier years of our lives. If we have been successful, we are apt to let that same success blur our reverence for that power for good, that mother love which shaped the course for us when we started out to fight the battles of life.

What a lot of sins of omission, thoughtlessness, neglect of mother is but thoughtlessness, and it is well that we should be reminded by some such calendar mark as Mothers' Day, that we may honor the memory of those who safely and gently guided us along the rough road that all youth must travel.

Difference in rank does not count tomorrow, nor does sect or creed. It is a day when we can all honor, in body or in spirit, the author of our being. Wherever humanity is found on this earth, even among those whom misfortune robbed of the personal mother touch, there is alike deep down in the heart a memory or a dream of the love that neither time, care nor sin can efface.

Question yourself tomorrow:
Am I treating mother as she deserves? Have I neglected her? Have I forgotten what she was to me before I knew any other friend? And give an honest answer to the questions.

It is a beautiful sentiment that has suggested that one day be set aside when, everywhere, all men and all women shall turn, "backward, turn backward, ah Time in your flight and make me a child again just for tonight."

And thus gain a new sidelight on the debt they owe to mother.

POLITICAL DANGER AHEAD

One of the first things the reorganized and reformed Chamber of Commerce should take up is the matter of the water and sewer systems of the city. This is so urgent that it ought to be attended to without waiting for the permanent organization. A meeting of the members and those eligible for membership could be held as in the case of the collectorship of customs.

What makes the subject mentioned pressing at this moment is the rumored intention of some of the supervisors to place the water works and sewers in charge of the son of one of them, who is not known as a man of such technical skill and experience as should be selected for the superintendency of these very important services. Politics ought to have nothing to do with this class of offices, further than that where there is a position, great or small, to be filled the party in power may be conceded the right to choose its own man if his competency is equal to that of a rival candidate.

Nepotism, however, in awarding places under the municipal government should be sternly discouraged. It is almost certain to have mischievous results—at all events unsatisfactory results—as has been shown in Honolulu, not merely in public but in privately owned public utilities. Heads of departments in the city and county have had more trouble in enforcing discipline upon the relatives of officials who have been

placed under their command than they have experienced from any other cause.

If there is any branch of municipal services which demands handling under strict civil service methods more than another, it is that of the water and sewer systems. These are vital both to the comfort and health of the community, and require a high order of technical knowledge and skill on the part of the superintendent, as well as executive ability for organizing the staff and exacting from its members strict attention to duty.

This is a large contract which is about being given to the municipal authorities, one that will test the efficiency of local self-government more severely than anything in the original city and county charter or that has been since added. It is therefore of utmost importance that municipal management of the water works and sewers be started right.

AEROPLANE BOMBS

According to the latest advices from the seat of near-war, an aviator, in the service of the Mexican rebels, was successful in dropping bombs from an aeroplane—if killing four and wounding others can be termed a success. This action has brought the eyes of the world to that branch of warfare, and the future operations of the aviator corps in the Mexican campaign will be watched with considerable interest.

During the Morocco disturbance and the Balkan war there was some use made of the aeroplane, especially during the siege of Adrianople, but there was not the interest created in the possibilities of this machine as an engine of destruction that will possibly follow the use of it in the present affair in Mexico.

There are few things about which the general public understands less than the military value of aeronautics. A general idea prevails that the aeroplane may be a very deadly weapon, and can accomplish the destruction of battleships and fortifications by dropping bombs. On the other hand there were many, probably a majority who were of the opinion that this bomb-dropping business was purely theoretical.

Particulars of the bomb-dropping in Mexico have not been made public yet, but it was clearly demonstrated in the limited use of the aeroplane during the misunderstandings in Europe, that aeroplane scouts had to fly higher than had been expected to keep out of the danger of the terrestrial fire zone.

During the maneuvers over the Turkish lines, several of the machines were struck at a height of 5000 feet, inflicting considerable damage to the planes. The actual workings of the aeroplane in a bomb-dropping engagement must be at an altitude of over 5000 feet, and at that distance there will be little chance of catching a snap shot to be later projected on some screen.

KENT AND HEARST

William Randolph Hearst does not care for the theories of Congressman William Kent of California, to all of which Congressman Kent reciprocates with interest. Mr. Hearst called Mr. Kent a political hybrid. Then Mr. Kent said this:

"I have heretofore been in ignorance as to the Hearst definition of a man who tries to place public welfare above partisanship, and who is trying to uphold the national honor and to promote sound economies. The misfit animal that would represent the Hearst policies of hatred and noise has not yet been given a name. If the world were populated by William Hearsts and if the sky were papered with his publications, there would be a scene of sordid selfishness made still more intolerable by senseless clamor."

All of which is a reminder to the people of Hawaii that in the wider mainland spheres of politics and policies, men can do considerable calling of names, and still retain their hold on their tempers.

REAR-ADMIRAL MOORE WILL ENTERTAIN THE ARGENTINE VESSEL

The school ship Presidente Sarmento of the Argentine Republic, making a cruise around the world with officers and many cadets and men, on board, is expected to be brought to a berth at Pier 5 late this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Rear-admiral C. B. T. Moore will hold a reception for the officers in the vessel next Tuesday, to which a large number of business and professional men as well as officers in the service have been invited.

With a view of broadening the knowledge of cadets at the Argentine naval school, the vessel was dispatched on an extended tour of the globe. It is the present intention that the vessel remain at Honolulu for about six days, taking on supplies before proceeding to the coast.

NEW JAPANESE NAVAL BUDGET COMES BEFORE IMPERIAL DIET SOON

(Special Cable to the Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, Japan, May 9.—The second special session of the Japanese diet will open in this city June 20, and will continue for seven days for the purpose of considering a new naval budget which calls for ¥7,000,000 for the present year. A budget presented by the Yamamoto ministry, recently defeated in the diet. The one which comes up for consideration next month will be presented by the present Okuma ministry.

In order to give the members an opportunity to attend the County Fair at Schofield Barracks, the meeting of the Promotion Committee, scheduled for 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was postponed until Friday of next week.

VALUABLE COLLECTION OF ENGRAVINGS TO BE SHOWN AT LOCAL CLUB

Andrew Adams' collection of engravings, etchings and wood cuts will be exhibited at the University Club Monday evening. Mr. Adams, who is manager of the Kahuku Plantation, has made his diversion a hobby of collecting high grade and artistic engravings. A number of Honolulu people have become much interested in the collection, although they have never had an opportunity to view it from the fact that Mr. Adams lives on the other side of the island.

The art committee of the University Club has requested Mr. Adams to place the collection on exhibition at the clubhouse Monday evening, which request has been granted, and the members of the club and their ladies and friends are invited. It has been suggested that, at an early date, the public be given an opportunity to see the collection.

Old Doc's Talk

THE SIXTH SENSE—I.

It pleases me, my son, to call the sense of humor a Sixth Sense, because without it a man is like a boat without a rudder, a peacock without a tail, a political aspirant in the United States without money, and a girl without a fellow. It's all one, my lad.

Such a man is subject to every wind and wave; he eddies along now in this port, now in that, for no long time anywhere, and often lands in the only safe place for him in a world of wig-wags—the insane asylum. To take everybody seriously, my son, will make life a tragedy; it's a dull, wearisome play without some farce and comedy. My boy, no real humorist ever went crazy; none ever committed suicide. I doubt if any ever, with intent, killed his fellow man.

In fact, humor is a saving sense. It's as necessary for the voyage of life as life preservers and life-boats are for a sea voyage. It keeps a man from growing utterly bad, just as it keeps him from becoming absolutely good, that perfect state reached by few.

It's a balance-wheel, my boy, adjusting all the unequal volume of a man's character, as sure as the law of equivalence in chemistry. It beats any other plan of salvation for this world or the next.

But, my son, I am afraid that it can not be imparted to one whose parents failed to attend to the matter in time, but if it can, I am in favor of teaching it in schools. Let Burdette, George Ade, Bangs and others get up a course.

Letters

WAS HE ABUSED?

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: Why is it the people of Honolulu keep abusing Mr. McCann? Even before he arrived here I noticed little sayings about him. Who was it that thought whisky in Tennessee, at last to be rewarded by a dry state? The only reason I can give for this abuse is this: It is the whisky manufacturer, the saloonkeeper and the grafter that want him to be recalled so they can get somebody here who is with them. Knowing Mr. McCann as I do, I don't think he will resign until he is recalled, and I don't think we Tennesseans are in the habit of running away because of the threats of some people. I don't think there are many people in Honolulu that would have left on the ground when somebody was kicking them. I also noticed in your paper tonight an article written by a Mr. Laidiger, which I think was rather more than abusive, what I call "low down," and he should not have asked for it to be published in your paper. But perhaps he is connected with one of the three institutions which I have named before.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I am,
Respectfully yours,
W. Y. P.
Honolulu, May 8, 1914.

Personal Mention

EDWARD K. FERNANDEZ has completed a tour of the island of Hawaii and was a passenger in the steamer Mauna Kea this morning.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM HOWE, federal inspector of hulls and boilers, is back from an official trip to the island of Hawaii. He returned in the steamer Mauna Kea.

J. H. FISHER, territorial auditor, who has been making an inspection of accounts on the island of Hawaii, returned to Honolulu as a passenger in the Mauna Kea this morning.

SUPERVISOR ANDREW COX, who was stricken at a meeting of the board of supervisors Thursday evening, is much improved. Dr. E. W. Benz, who is attending him, states that with a week's rest the supervisor will be entirely recovered.

By using a solution of arsenite of soda, C. F. Eckart, manager of the Old Sugar Company, has been able to destroy the weeds on that plantation, says Dr. E. V. Wilcox, agent in charge of the federal experiment station here. Heretofore the presence of the weeds—honohono and hilo grass—has been the source of a good deal of trouble and the process for their destruction is regarded as very important and of great value to the plantation.

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MEMORY OF MOTHER AND CHARITY COMBINE IN HONOLULU TOMORROW

Mother's Day is tomorrow.

In no country in the world has motherhood been given so large a place in national sentiment as in America. No place in the world do men and boys reverence motherhood as much as in America. Mother's Day, celebrated tomorrow, is a full-fledged Anglo-Saxon institution, the outgrowth and crystallization of a national ideal.

Hawaii is American. Mother's Day finds a response in Honolulu as well as in any city on the mainland. The day was originated in England where, for generations past, it has been observed by thousands of men and boys. It gained strength in America in 1907 when certain organizations took it up and gave it impetus, and by 1908 it had become well nigh a national observance.

Mother's Day was transplanted in Hawaii in 1909. At this time local organizations got back of it, resulting in the issuance of a proclamation by Mayor J. J. Fern and its general observance in Honolulu.

The white carnation is its symbol. To the average man, the memory of his mother is the whitest thing he possesses, and the white carnation is a fitting emblem of this memory. There are two things which a man is supposed to do on Mother's Day: First, to wear a white carnation and go to church in memory of his mother; and second, to write a letter home if his mother be living, or do some kind act in her name if she has passed away.

In addition to these features, the celebration of the day will receive a very practical expression in Honolulu when men and boys will be given an opportunity to contribute to the fund

of the King's Daughters' Home, an institution for mothers who are not so fortunate in having sons to provide them with material support. It is one of Honolulu's most worthy charities. All that each man is asked to contribute in memory of his mother is one cent for each of her birthdays.

Mother's Day is tomorrow. Little boxes have been placed in various business houses of the city where contributions may be placed, and the King's Daughters have distributed small envelopes in which contributions may be sent them. It is but a small request, but the appreciation will be large.

D. A. R. PLEDGES SUPPORT IN THE MEXICAN TROUBLE

(By Latest Mail)

WASHINGTON.—Features of the convention of the National Society of D. A. R. in Continental Memorial hall here were criticism of a daughter for wearing the emblem of the Daughters of the Confederacy together with the D. A. R. insignia; the adoption of resolutions pledging President Wilson the society's support in the event of war and prohibiting the mentioning of controversial questions.

Tuesday's session was devoted to the reading of further committee reports and to the meeting of state delegations.

A meeting of the Loyal Order of Moose will be held in the Odd Fellows' hall at 7:30 o'clock this evening, at which time all persons wishing to affiliate with that organization are requested to be present.

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